





## Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: Water Management Strategy

### Summary

CALFED staff, agencies, and stakeholders have started refinement of the water management strategy that was summarized in the December 18, 1998 *Revised Phase II Report*. Two meetings related to the water management strategy were held in February 1999:

- Began discussion on defining a range of water demand projections
- Began discussions on how the water management strategy could be refined

The schedule calls for a working draft of the water management strategy in time for the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR and the final version with the Final Programmatic EIS/EIR.

### Detailed Discussion

#### Water Demand Projections

On February 18, 1999 CALFED held a meeting with agencies and stakeholders to begin defining range of water demand projections for use in refining the water management strategy. Our initial thought was to develop a range that includes different levels of water conservation similar to those in the following figure.

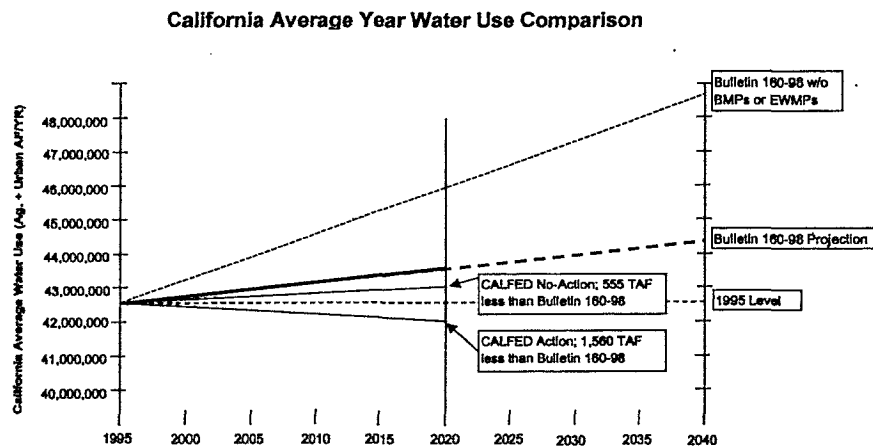
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#### CALFED Agencies

**California**  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service



The variations in water demand will be used in development of a water management strategy that accounts for potential variability in future conditions. While these different levels of demand in the figure are helpful for overall perspective, they do not show the other potential variables in water demand. We have concluded that the range of water demands should include some perspective on potential future variation/uncertainty of:

- Population that could affect demand for water
- Land use changes that could affect demand for water
- Environmental water needs

The variations in potential water conservation will be evaluated as part of the water management strategy rather than a change in water demand. A second meeting is scheduled for March 11, 1999.

### Water Management Strategy

On February 23, 1999 CALFED held a meeting with agencies and stakeholders to begin discussing on refinement of the water management strategy. The meeting was mainly a brainstorming session on how the group can help provide input and feedback as work progresses. The group will initially focus on helping define the five water management objectives from the *Revised Phase II Report*:

- Reduce Diversion Conflicts
- Decrease Drought Impacts (environmental flows and ag/urban supply)

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- Increase Supply Availability (drought and average)
- Increase Operational Flexibility
- Increase Supply Utility (water quality)

A second meeting is scheduled for March 16, 1999.

### **Action**

This memorandum is provided as a progress report of the water management strategy meetings to date.